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FOR NEA/AFN BISHOP; ALGIERS FOR AMBASSADOR HAYNES

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SUGGESTED BRIEFING OF MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR ON U.S.-ALGERIAN
EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION

REF: ALGIERS 2135

1. THE EXCELLENT REFTEL FROM ALGIERS, PUTTING INTO BALANCED
PRESPECTIVE OUR SIGNIFICANT AND GROWING EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL
RELATIONSHIP WITH ALGIERA, IS ESPECIALLY STRIKING IN THAT THE
GREAT BULK OF THIS RELATIONSHIP IS FINANCED BY GOA, OBVIOUSLY
BECAUSE OF THE CLEAR BENEFITS TO ALGERIA OF THE PROGRAMS NOW
UNDERWAY.

2. WE ARE FREQUENTLY ASKED BY WIDE RANGE OF MOROCCAN OFFICIALS
WHY USG DOES NOT FINANCE INCREASED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR
BENEFIT OF MOROCCO. RECOMMEND NEA BRIEF MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR
BENGELLOUN ON THE DETAILS OF ALGERIAN-AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL AND
CULTURAL COOPERATION IN THIS CONTEXT, EMPHASISING THAT SAME
COOPERATION AVAILABLE TO GOM IF IT WILLING TO DEVOTE NECESSARY
FINANCIAL RESOURCES.

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3. SUCH A BRIEFING WOULD ALSO HELP TO ALLAY BROADER MOROCCAN
SENSITIVITIES ABOUT OUR RELATIONS WITH ALGERIA. FOR EXAMPLE,
BENGELLOUN EXPRESSED CONCERN TO ME IN MID-JULY THAT HE HAD
LEARNED IN WASHINGTON OF PLANS FOR AN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN
ALGIERA, WHICH HE CLAIMED HAD USG "SANCTION." IN EARLY JUNE,
KING'S SISTER-IN-LAW, PRINCESS LAMIA, ASKED ME ABOUT A REPORT
THAT THE USG WAS PLANNING A \$46 MILLION HIGH SCHOOL CAPABLE OF

HANDLING 6,000 PUPILS IN ALGIERS. WHILE THESE RUMORS PROVED TO BE GROUNDLESS, THE MOROCCAN REACTION UNDOUBTEDLY REFLECTED A FEAR THAT THE U.S. WAS BECOMING MORE FRIENDLY TOWARD ALGERIA, PROBABLY TO MOROCCO'S DETRIMENT. LAYING OUR CARDS ON THE TABLE WITH BENGELLOUN NOW COULD THUS FORESTALL FUTURE RUMORS OF THIS NATURE AND HELP PLACE THE BURDEN OF INCREASED AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION WITH MOROCCO WHERE IT BELONGS, ON THE GOM. WE WILL ALSO BE DRAWING ON REFTEL AS APPROPRIATE WHEN SUBJECT ARISES HERE.

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